GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEFENCE
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REPLACEMENT OF OLD SHIPS
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Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that many Indian Navy Ships are quite old;

(b) if so, the details thereof, ship-wise; and

(c) the steps being taken by the Government to ensure timely replacement of old ships?

Answer

MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES)

(a) & (b): It is a fact that some Naval ships have become old. It would, however, not be desirable in the interest of national security to disclose the details of such ships.

(c) The Government have approved acquisition/indigenous construction of new ships. In-principle approval to undertake Mid-Life Update and Service Life Extension of ships and other platforms has also been given with a view to maintain the desired force level.